

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT


(use as many sheets as necessary)

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/600,298
Filing Date	June 20, 2003
First Named Inventor:	Julian N. Nikolchev et al.
Art Unit	3772
Examiner Name	Brown, Michael A.
Attorney Docket Number	6701P002XC4

Sheet 1 of 2

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (If known)				
/M.B./		us-	3,620,212	11-16-1971	Fannon et al	
		us-	4,572,162	02-25-1986	Livesay, et al.	
		us-	5,433,708	07-18-1995	Nichols et al.	
		us-	5,549,624	08-27-1996	Mirigian, et al.	
		us-				
		us-				
		us-				
		us-				
		us-				
		us-				
		us-				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
/M.B./		CN	1073088 A	06-16-1993	Lan		
↓		JP	1-113045	05-01-1989	Ryoichi, et al		
		JP	5-269197	10-19-1993	Naoto, et al.		
↓		WO	94/07560	04-14-1994	Chee, U. et al.		

Examiner Signature	/Michael Brown/	Date Considered	09/21/2009
--------------------	-----------------	-----------------	------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SENT FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS.

SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Substitute for Form 1449/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/600,298
				Filing Date	June 20, 2003
				First Named Inventor:	Julian N. Nikolchev et al.
				Art Unit	3772
				Examiner Name	Brown, Michael A.
				Attorney Docket Number	6701P002XC4
NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published			
/M.B./		BRUESCHKLE, et al., "A Steerable Hysteroscopic and Mechanical Tubal Occlusive Devices", <u>Advances in Female Sterilization Techniques</u> , Eds., Harper & Row, Publishers, 1976, pp.182-198.			
/M.B./		PCT Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration PCT/US96/07483 dated Sept. 5, 2006, 5 pages			
/M.B./		PCT Written Opinion PCT/US96/07483 dated June 20, 1997, 4 pages			

Examiner Signature	/Michael Brown/	Date Considered	09/21/2009
--------------------	-----------------	-----------------	------------

*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English Translation is attached.
This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SENT FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450.**
If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.